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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/814,440

Examiner

LAM T. MAI

Applicant(s)

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2819

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/5/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-39.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 August 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The applicant's amendment filed on 8/5/2005 has been considered and entered.

Specification

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-39 are allowable.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claim 1 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to fairly show or suggest the claimed analog to digital system comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitation of "a multiplexer that can receive a plurality of analog signal and an act of determining which analog signal from the plurality of analog signal is being provided to the scaler by the multiplexer" structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitations in the manner as cited in claims 2-22.

Claim 23 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to fairly show or suggest the claimed analog to digital method comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitation of "an act of receiving a plurality of analog signal and an act of determining

which analog signal from the plurality of analog signal is being provided to the scaler” structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitations in the manner as cited in claims 24-30.

Claim 31 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to fairly show or suggest the claimed analog to digital system comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitation of “an act of receiving a plurality of analog signal from a plurality of analog sources and an act of determining which analog signal from the plurality of analog signal is being provided to the scaler” structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitations in the manner as cited in claims 32-38.

Claim 39 is allowed over the prior art of record. The prior art of record, considered individually or in combination, fails to fairly show or suggest the claimed analog to digital comprising, among other limitations, a novel and unobvious limitation of “a digital portion, wherein the digital portion uses microcode along with either the first digital value or the second digital value to adjust a scaling value that is used by the analog portion to scale either the first voltage or the second voltage to within an input range of the analog portion” structurally and functionally interconnected with other limitations in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Cited References

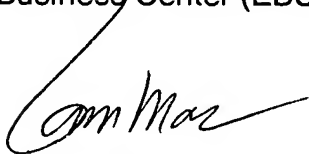
The prior art made of record and not replied upon is considered pertinent to application's disclosures. The cited references are related to application's matter.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAM T. MAI whose telephone number is (571)272-1807. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:00 am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Pascal J. Robert can be reached on (571) 272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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